



ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

By this Amendment, some minor corrections have been made in the specification and claims for better clarity and allowance of the application. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Initially in the *Specification* section of the Detailed Action, the disclosure was objected for two informalities. The two informalities were directed to the paragraph at the end of page 4 of the previously filed Amendments to the Specification. By this Amendment, this paragraph is further amended, to add commas to make clear that the "a cover" is the predicate nominative of "there" (and hence the original sentence was correct) in response to the first noted objection; and to delete "hence" to overcome the second objection though this seems less clear in conveying the functioning of the invention. In view of these corrections, it is submitted that the informalities of the specification have now been overcome.

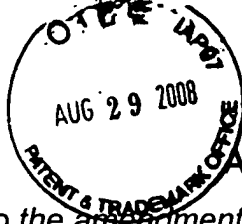
In the *Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112* section, claims 2-5 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 for being indefinite. In paragraph 5 in this section, the examiner indicated that the claims were considered a literal translation and failed to conform with US practice and grammar. However, as this same rejection was made in the first action, and as the claims were substantially revised in response to that rejection to conform with US practice and grammar, it is assumed that this rejection was included in error and need not be discussed further. If this is not true, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned so that whatever base issues the examiner has with the present claims can be overcome.

Also in the § 112 rejection , independent claim 5 was rejected for being indefinite because the examiner was unsure whether the subsequently recited “next” and “preceding” elements were the same as the initially recited “adjacent planar elements”. It seems self-evident that such was the case, but for even greater clarity, independent claim 5 has been amended to use “planar” in addition. Therefore, it is submitted that this rejection to the claims has now been overcome.

Next in the *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101* section, the examiner asserted that the claim was non-statutory because of the recitation of “a foot of a user” in independent claim 5. This recitation was merely indicative of the environment of the claimed subject matter and is obviously not part of the “bolt system” being claimed. However, in order to avoid any confusion, and as such a phrase unnecessary to the claimed subject matter, the objected phrase has been deleted from claim 5.

Finally in the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, the examiner indicated that the subject matters of independent claim 5 and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom would all be allowable once the § 112 and § 101 rejections were overcome. As these rejections have been overcome as noted above, it is therefore submitted that these claims are all now allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.



ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Specification

Further to the amendments to the paragraph of the specification at page 4, lines 1-14, which paragraph was previously amended as set forth in ATTACHMENT B – AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION filed March 3, 2008, which paragraph was located therein bridging pages 4-5, please replace that previously amended paragraph with the following further amended paragraph.

When the next sheet element is brought closed beside the preceding one, there is, in the edge of the profile of the bottom edge strip 6 of the element to be brought into contact, a cover with a hole 9. The cover hits locking/releasing pin 12 and pushes it into the body of foot bolt 10, while bracket 13 is received into position in cover hole 9. When cover hole 9 is loose or slightly oblong lengthwise, this allows bracket 13 and hence pin 11 to move up a little by the force of spring 15. Then, when pin 12 is pushed by the cover so that thinning point 16 of pin 12 is now on the line of pin 11, pin 11 moves up crosswise to thinning point 16 of pin 12 (since oblong hole 9 allows such raising) so much so that pin 12 gets locked into a position that allows releases of pin 11. However, bracket 13 is still held against further upward movement in hole 9 and pin 11 is still in the hole in the base, whereby the element is locked to the base at the foot bolt 10 in both the sideways and in the moving direction; and even the other end of the adjacent element's lower edge is locked sideways by receipt of pin 13 in the cover hole 9. The profile ends of the lower edge 6 of each element thus have a hole 9 in the cover in one end and a foot bolt 10 in other end. Foot bolt 10 is most suitably formed to be pushed directly into profile 6 as shown in FIG. 3.